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LETTER DATED 26 APRIL 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE AND THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT ON A COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY MADE AT THE G8 SUMMIT IN MOSCOW ON NUCLEAR SECURITY ISSUES

We have the honour to forward to you the text of a Statement on a Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty made on 20 April 1996 at the G8 Summit in Moscow on nuclear-security issues.

Could you please take the appropriate steps to register this statement as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament, and to have it distributed to all member delegations and non-member States participating in the work of the Conference.

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STATEMENT ON COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY

We affirmed our commitment to conclude and sign a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty (CTBT) by September 1996. We agreed that a CTBT will be a concrete step toward the achievement of one of the highest priority objectives of the international community in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation, and the fulfilment of the obligations under article VI of the Treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons (NPT). We also agreed that the CTBT must prohibit any nuclear-weapon test explosion or any other nuclear explosion. We affirmed that this would constitute a truly comprehensive nuclear test ban.

In this connection, we recalled the importance of the Decision on Principles and Objectives for nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament adopted on 11 May 1995.